## RESOLUTION of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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Honoring Minneapolis' Women and Girls and Proclaiming February 14, 2013 as ONE BILLION RISING DAY.

Whereas, V-Day is a global activist movement started February, 14<sup>th</sup>, 1998 by Eve Ensler and a group of women in New York City, to end violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation, and sex slavery; and

Whereas, the V-Day movement is in 167 countries from Europe to Asia, Africa and the Caribbean and all of North America, with nearly 6,000 events annually and distributes funds to grassroots, national and international organizations and programs that work to stop violence against women and girls; and

Whereas, in conjunction with the 15th anniversary of V-Day, the ONE BILLION RISING campaign was launched. ONE BILLION RISING is based on the statistic that 1 out of 3 women will experience violence in her lifetime, which means that over 1 billion women on this planet will be impacted by violence. On V-Day's 15th Anniversary, February 14, 2013, ONE BILLION women and those who love them will walk out, dance, rise up, and demand an end to violence against women and girls; and

Whereas, as a part of Eve Ensler's global movement, ONE BILLION RISING, Minneapolis women and men can stop what they are doing, join together in solidarity and strike, dance, rise, and demand an end global and local violence against women; and

Whereas, in Minneapolis, ONE BILLION RISING events will include a dance and march at Powderhorn Park, a flash mob in downtown Minneapolis, a dance party by Sisters for Social Justice at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and a rally on the Stone Arch Bridge;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That we honor Minneapolis' women and girls and proclaim February 14, 2013 ONE BILLION RISING DAY.